



## BRIDGE OF HISTORY

June 9, 2005

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### NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 158,124 for the month of May, 2005. This represents an increase of 2.7% as compared to May, 2004.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from May, 2004</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	67,754	-12.1%	42.8%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	73,949	23.2%	46.8%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	5,182	-9.3%	3.3%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	11,239	1.3%	7.1%
<i>Totals:</i>	158,124		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2005 has totaled 720,209 vehicles; this represents an increase of 4.2% as compared to 2004. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 77,650,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

#### ***Manager's Note:***

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge Walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate International Friendship and enjoy the striking views of the St Mary's River, The Sault Locks and our border community. The walk starts at 9 a.m. sharp, weather permitting, at the Lake Superior State University Norris Center. Contact the Sault Ontario Chamber of Commerce or the Sault Michigan Chamber of Commerce for more details

Sincerely,

***International Bridge Administration***

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